

Prairie Grasslands Region

Canadian River Watershed Restoration Project (CRWRP)

Lead Partner: Canadian River Riparian Restoration Project

Working across private, federal, and state lands, the partners in this area of New Mexico will focus on treating invasive plant species while maintaining energy production, maintaining cultural traditions, and supporting operation sustainability. A coordinated resource management plan (CRMP) will be developed collaboratively by the rancher, Federal, and state land management agencies to ensure that all areas of the watershed will be able to benefit from treatment of brush invasion, soil erosion, and wildlife habitat degradation. Support from the Jornada Rangeland Research Programs will ensure that the most up-to-date and scientifically sound conservation methods will be used.

Little Otter Creek Watershed Project

Lead Partner: Caldwell County Commission Development and Green Hills Regional Planning Commission

Previously authorized under PL-566, this project in Caldwell County, Missouri, will include installation of an earth embankment dam and 345-acre multipurpose reservoir, implementation of wildlife habitat management and enhancement practices around the fringe of the new reservoir, full mitigation for stream and wetland impacts, and development of basic facilities for recreational use. The partner has committed a large cash contribution and has already secured the majority of land rights. At completion, the residents and businesses in the county will have a dependable, long-term raw water supply, increased outdoor recreational opportunities and facilities, and reduced flood damages to crops and infrastructure along Little Otter Creek.

Red River Basin of the North Flood Prevention Plan

Lead partner: Red River Retention Authority

This project uses all of NRCS's authorities—EQIP, ACEP, CSP, and PL-566—to reduce flooding, ponding, and excess water on farm lands, thereby increasing the resiliency of agriculture, as well as to reduce nutrient loads in this region of Minnesota and North Dakota. Once completed, six to eight discreet projects will store approximately 50,000 acre-feet of flood water. The long-standing partnership across state boundaries includes the Red River Retention Authority, which has the power to raise revenue.